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SUBJECT: LABOR RALLY IN CANAL ZONE

1. PANAMA "STAR AND HERALD" FOR MONDAY, MARCH 1 PRINTED ANNOUNCEMENT THAT CANAL ZONE CENTRAL LABOR UNION-METAL TRADES COUNCIL (CLU-MTC) HAS SCHEDULED A SECOND PUBLIC MEETING AT BALBOA HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM, TO BE HELD SUNDAY EVENING MARCH 7. MEETING WILL HEAR REPORT FROM CLU-MTC PRESIDENT ALFRED J. GRAHAM ON RESULTS OF MEETING TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN AFL-CIO CANAL ZONE AND NATIONAL LABOR REPRESENTATIVES AND SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HOFFMAN RELATING TO PROPOSED CHANGES IN CUTOFF POINT FOR CANAL ZONE WAGE BASE AND IN ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR TROPICAL DIFFERENTIAL.

2. SAME ARTICLE ANNOUNCED THAT GRAHAM DEPARTED FOR WASHINGTON ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, ACCOMPANIED BY JERRY OSTER, PRESIDENT OF PANAMA CANAL PILOTS' ASSOCIATION, TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING WITH SECRETARY HOFFMAN AND TO CONSULT WITH NATIONAL UNION REPRESENTATIVES.

3. ARTICLE QUOTES JAMES J. O'DONNELL, PRESIDENT OF AFGE LODGE 14,
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IN SAYING THAT UNION IS OPPOSED TO ANY MOVE THAT WOULD DEPRIVE

AN EMPLOYEE OF BENEFITS GRANTED WHEN FIRST HIRED: "PUT SIMPLY, IT'S A BREACH OF CONTRACT". ARTICLE GOES ON THAT "AFGE PRESIDENT WANTS ANY OF THE PROPOSALS, IF NOT REJECTED OUTRIGHT, THEN AT LEAST 'GRAND-FATHERED'--THAT IS, LETTING THE PRESENT EMPLOYEES RETAIN THEIR PRESENT BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES AND APPLYING ANY CHANGES TO NEW EMPLOYEES."

4. ARTICLE WAS NOT CARRIED BY SPANISH-LANGUAGE PRESS.
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